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SUBJECT: TOM KELLER, PRESIDENT, GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS (GAIF)

REF: DEPARTMENT TELCON APRIL 2

1. RECENT U. S. SPORTS PRESS REPORT INDICATED THAT TOM
KELLER (SWISS NATIONAL) AND GAIF COLLEAGUE OSCAR STATE
(ENGLISH NATIONAL) REACHED COMPROMISE POSITION WITH
PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) RE CHINESE ENTRY
ASIAN GAMES 1974 AND OLYMPIC GAMES 1976. DEPARTMENT
UNDERSTANDS THAT CHINESE ENTRY INTO OLYMPIC GAMES AND
REGIONAL GAMES CONTINGENT UPON MEMBERSHIP IN AT LEAST
FIVE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS GOVERNING FEDERATIONS UNDER
GAIF AUSPICES. DEPARTMENT WISHES ASCERTAIN SOONEST
WHETHER PRC HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JOINING FEDERATION
INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION AMATEUR (FINA) AMONG OTHERS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, IF THE REPORTS ARE TRUE, WE NEED TO
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KNOW:

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE COMPROMISE THE PRC MADE TO
JOIN THE OLYMPICS AND THE ASIAN GAMES?

WHAT INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS HAS PRC
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JOINING? IS FINA (SWIMMING) ONE
OF THEM?

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT TOM KELLER IN LOW KEY FASHION
BUT SOON AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF ABOVE
POINTS. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR
INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. WE ARE NOT ADVOCATING ANY
FORMULA OR PRESSING ANY POSITION. WE ONLY WANT INFORMA-
TION ON WHAT HE THINKS THE PRC HAS AGREED TO.

ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, KELLER'S OFFICE TELEPHONE
IN LAUSANNE IS 021-2961-21. HIS HOME NUMBER IS
053-230-21.

WE WILL APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPORT. ROGERS

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